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FLOODS WON'T DAMPEN SPIRIT

• Basingstoke MP Maria Miller and county councillor Stephen Reid visiting Buckskin, one of the borough's worst hit areas

Communities hailed after show of strength against rising waters

By **James Booker**
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COMMUNITIES in Basingstoke devastated by flooding have been hailed for the tremendous spirit they have shown in helping each other in a time of crisis.

Buckskin is one of the borough's worst hit areas, with nearly 20 homes having to be evacuated and many more under threat.

And the forecast for the next few days shows no sign of letting up, with high winds and heavy rain predicted.

The streets primarily affected are Antrim Close, Sperrin Close, Grampian Way, Bodmin Close and Exmoor Close.

Warnings have also been issued for Overton and Whitchurch.

David Parker, 19, and his parents have been forced to move out of the house they have lived in for the last 14 years.

"All the water has come up through the property, the front room's gone, the kitchen's gone, the hallway's full of water – the whole house has just gone," said David.

"This has never happened before. The water is coming up through the floors. It's quite high at the moment and it's probably going to get worse."

On Tuesday, they moved into housing offered by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC).

David does not know when he and his parents will be able to move back in, but estimated it could be months.

He did praise the borough council for its work, and hailed the spirit of people in the area.

"The council have been really good, the spirit has been very good – we're all helping each other out," he said.

A temporary flood help zone has been set up at the community's Ridgeway Centre, and four tankers are working 24 hours a day to pump water out of the affected areas.

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Pulling together to fight the floods

• *From front page*

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However, despite being able to take around 25,000 litres of water at once, battling the persistent rain is proving a daunting task.

And due to overflowing sewage after flooded drains, the water is contaminated, meaning it needs to be disposed at the sewage site in Chineham.

Cllr Robert Taylor, BDBC ward member for Buckskin, said: "We have residents putting sandbags down for their neighbours. Everybody has rallied round – there's a terrific community spirit.

"And the spirit of the residents who are going through a terrible tragedy are so positive – they're being very philosophical about it. Some people aren't insured, and they face serious problems down the line."

Fellow BDBC ward member Tony Jones added: "People around are responding extremely well. The community centre is open. You have got volunteers who don't live that close, who live on the other side of the estate, coming in and helping everybody."

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller has been at the centre, and paid tribute to those working to support those affected, as well promising flood help victims are a priority.

"The priority right now is to ensure that those people affected by the flooding have somewhere to move to and that everything is done to support them at this very difficult time," she said.

The area's county councillor, Stephen Reid, added: "It is really sad to see people's flooded homes, and the focus is rightly on giving help to affected residents in Buckskin, both those who have already had to evacuate their home as well as those whose homes are at risk."

Hampshire County Council (HCC) said it has delivered over 35,000 sandbags around the county, and have pledged to keep supporting the plight.

Cllr Sean Woodward, HCC executive member for Transport, said: "We have deployed all the resources we have in tackling this flooding across Hampshire, with hundreds of staff working round the clock."

The county's fire service are also distributing carbon monoxide detectors to provide warning of potential build-up of the gas.

Assistant chief officer Neil Odin said: "Anything powered by petrol or diesel can emit CO in its exhaust gases and so we are making communities aware of the potential dangers."

Top of the Town views are sought

CAR parks behind the Top of the Town could be turned into squares of specialist shops and restaurants, in plans being considered by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC).

The council has been speaking to traders and organisations in the Top of the Town about the proposals, and is now inviting the public to comment on a potential 20-year vision for the area.

Known as the 'Concept Masterplan', the vision aims to make improvements to the area and attract more shoppers to the town centre.

BDBC deputy leader Cllr Ranil Jayawardena said: "It is essential that we develop an idea of what kind of place we want the Top of the Town to be.

"We will consider how this will fit with the rest of the town's success, including Festival Place, The Malls and Basing View.

"Getting views from local residents and visitors of Basingstoke on this is an essential part of the process. I would strongly encourage everyone to have their say to help us shape the plans for the future."

The consultation ends on March 7. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposals can go to www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/towncentrevision.

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Odiham school takes top spot on podium

AN ODIHAM School put in a strong showing in the London and South East F1 in Schools regional final, in the competition for school children to design and create their own scale model racing car.

Robert Mays School took home a number of trophies, with their Colossus F1 team taking the runner up place in the F1 class, and Team Venom winning the Bloodhound class.

It means that the school will now be preparing for the national finals in Birmingham next month, which could ultimately lead them to the world finals in Abu Dhabi in November.

Colussus F1 team manager Victoria Waterfield, 16, said: "The day went really well for us and we're looking forward to the nationals.

"We need to focus on our car now and making sure to meet the regulations, and we'll be working on developing our car to be ready for March."

Andrew Denford, founder and chairman of F1 in Schools, said: "All the students put so much time, work and commitment into the competition and show just how much can be achieved."

• **Team Venom from Robert Mays School**

Care home scores highly on residents survey

A BASINGSTOKE care home is celebrating after a recent survey found it to have excellent resident satisfaction rates.

Pemberley House Care Home on Grove Road, came out with an overall performance rating (OPR) of 860 out of 1,000 in the nationwide Your Care Rating survey.

Your Care Rating, is designed to give residents a voice, putting their care at the heart of understanding more about how well care homes perform.

Over 20,000 residents in 1,055 care homes across the UK took part, providing feedback on a range of categories, across four broad Themes; Staff and Care, Home Comforts, Choice and Having a Say, and Quality of Life.

The OPR score is an overall score based on the results across the four Themes. Pemberley House achieved scores of 887 for Quality of Life and 869 for Home Comforts, meaning the residents of Pemberley House highly rate the standard of care they receive for Quality of Life and Home Comforts.

Annie Lewis, Home Manager at Pemberley House, said: "We're delighted with our results from the 2013 Your Care Rating survey as it demonstrates how fulfilled our residents are.

"All of our scores across the four main themes are high and it just goes to show that the reality of day-to-day life in a care home such as ours is very good, something which is often at odds with the public's perception.

"That said, we still want to get even better and the results give us crucial feedback."

• **Cllr Dan Putty opens the home last year**

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Residents angry over bus route alterations

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BASINGSTOKE residents angered by changes in bus timetables have spoken out about their fury.

By **James Booker**
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Last month, Stagecoach announced a major shake-up of its services to a number of areas in and out of Basingstoke.

Oakley residents and councillors have been particularly displeased with the overhaul, which has seen the jazz 8 bus route changed and service cut from every half-hour to every hour.

Anne Gray, who lives in the area, said: "I rely on the buses completely to do my shopping, get into town, meet friends as well as getting my six month old to his jab appointments and baby classes.

"The reduction in service for the village is going to be a nightmare for us. The reason we decided to move to Oakley was the regular half hourly bus service."

Councillor Diane Taylor, ward member for Oakley and North Waltham, said: "Stagecoach is, of course, a business and is therefore driven by finance and so is not constrained by inconvenience to customers.

"The Oakley service, which currently runs at a loss, will only fall further as people feel that they have no choice but to find alternative ways of getting into town."

Brighton Hill is another area affected – with the number 1 service now a shorter route every eight minutes, and a new 12 service in place between Brighton Hill and Hatch Warren.

However, there is no more direct link to Wade Road and Chineham.

Resident Joe Henry branded the changes "a tragedy for the town".

"My real concern is for those who are old, vulnerable or are dependent on using the buses," he added.

Mr Henry also called on Hampshire County Council to up its efforts to save the route.

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Cllr Anna McNair Scott, HCC ward member for Candovers, said: "I am aware of how Stagecoach's changes of service are affecting people. We don't have much influence but I'll have a go."

Andrew Dyer, managing director of Stagecoach South, said the situation was regrettable, and there would be losers as well as winners' when this type of change happens.

"What we've done is a very detailed exercise to map the demand for our services with the resources that we put in to run them.

"And the result is overall we genuinely believe the majority of people in Basingstoke will have a better bus service.

"Of course when you do a wide-ranging review like this, there are almost inevitably some losers as well as some winners.

"And that we regret but it's a financial imperative for our bus service to be financially viable."

The company has also been criticised for perceived lack of consultation with residents.

Cllr Carolyn Wooldridge, BDBC ward member for Brighton Hill North, said: "Stagecoach would have been better consulting on these finalised proposals given the radical nature of them rather than announcing them in the way they have. Several residents have already been in contact with me to say they have not been consulted and I can see why they feel that way."

Mr Dyer said the company did not want to instill fear into the public consciousness when there was no confirmation the changes would happen.

However, he did add things could have been handled "better" when the plans were at final draft stage.

The changes will come into force from Sunday. For more information on the new routes, visit the Stagecoach website.

Duty Calls for police band as force marks 175 years in service

THE Band of the Hampshire Constabulary have released a new album, titled "Duty Calls", marking 175 years of public service by the force.

The record is £10 of which £1 will be given to COPS UK (Care of Police Survivors UK), a registered charity, which supports the families of those members of the police, across the UK, who have died in the line of duty.

Other profits from the sale will go towards the running costs of the band.

The Band's Director of Music, Major Pete Curtis MBE RM, said: "The Hampshire Constabulary Band are a superb group of people and the dedication they show to representing the force through the medium of music is just remarkable. "Their collective enthusiasm and passion for music is reflected throughout this new CD. The quality of the playing is excellent with some outstanding solo contributions, and they really have a brilliant product that they should be very pleased with.

"The fact that it will also raise a significant sum of money for 'COPS UK,' the charity that directly supports families of those police officers and police workers who pay the ultimate sacrifice, helping to rebuild their shattered lives, is even better. As their conductor, I am very proud of this CD and proud too of every Band member." Their first performance of the year was on Saturday at the Church on the Heath, The Key, Elvetham Heath, Fleet, which raised money for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

They also have dates lined up in Chandlers Ford and Netley.

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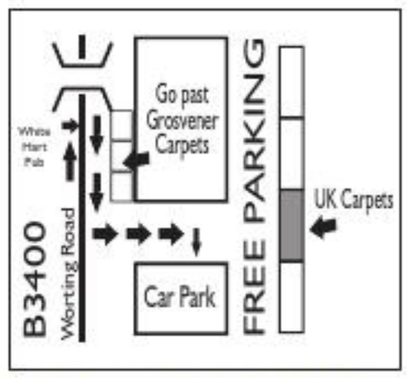

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Concerns over solar farm's visual impact

RESIDENTS of an area near a proposed solar farm in Overton remain concerned about the impact it will have on the landscape.

By **James Booker**
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Plans went on display at Overton Community Centre last week for the proposed solar farm at Court Drove.

Around 100 people attended the consultation, and feedback indicated that most were in favour of proposals for an increase of solar energy.

However, people remain worried that the site, if approved, could be an eyesore for the surrounding area.

Councillor Paula Baker, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's ward member for Overton, admitted to having "conflicting feelings" on the plans.

"I am waiting to see the final planning application and to hear the advice of the borough's landscape impact assessment of it before making my mind up," she said.

"However, I find I have conflicting feelings about the proposal – we urgently need to do something to generate electricity more locally and from renewable energy sources, but high grade farm land is needed to support the rural economy.

"This site is close to houses and the well-used Harroway and is likely to be visible from the south western part of the village.

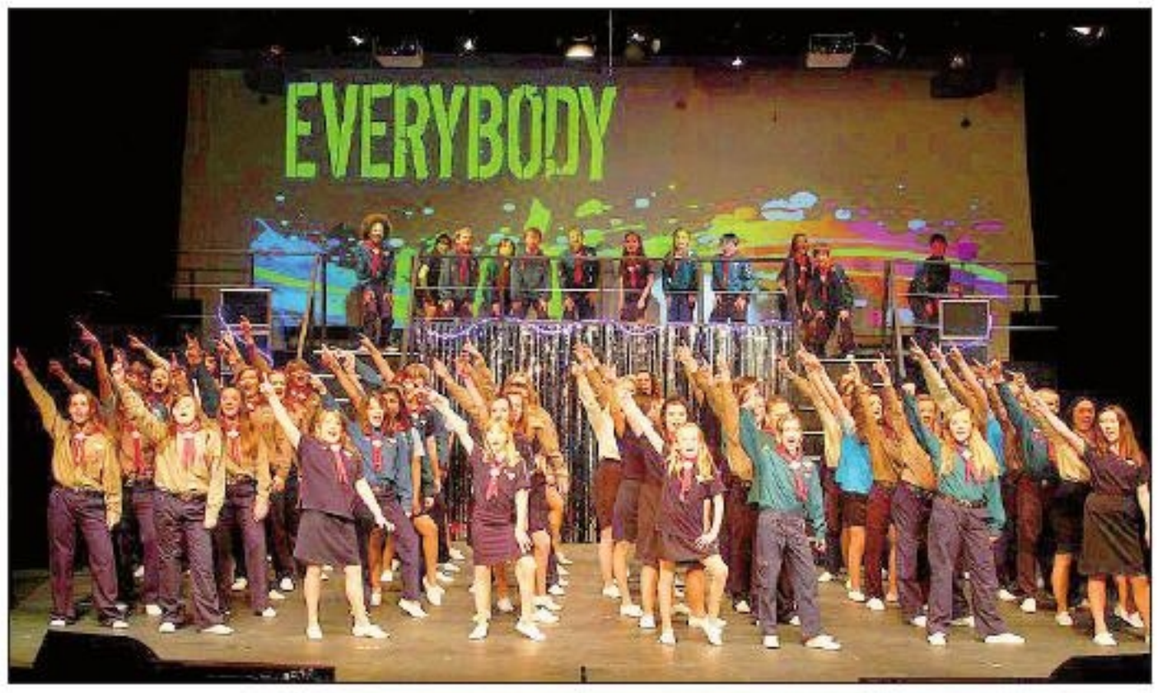
"It would seem to be more sustainable to use our roofs for solar rather than our "best and most versatile" agricultural land."

Fellow BDBC ward member Cllr Ian Tilbury added: "Given the size and industrial nature of the proposal, it is hardly something you would wish to see at the end of your garden. I am sure there are far more suitable sites out of public view, or even better on the roofs of existing buildings."

Developers Belectric and Luminous Energy said only six people had objected in the feedback forms they provided at the consultation, with 40 in favour of the plans.

A spokesman for the company said: "The main concern raised by residents was to do with the potential visual impact of the solar farm.

"Whilst the site is generally well screened by existing hedgerows and trees, we intend to plant new hedgerows around some of the margins of the solar farm and also bulk up gaps in existing hedgerows." BLE plan to submit a planning application by the end of the month.



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THE gang is in town today and for the next eight days as the Basingstoke Gang Show returns.

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The show is made up of around 70 cubs, scouts, guides, explorers and young leaders from in and around the Basingstoke area.

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"Our bi-annual variety show has a cast made up entirely from local Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Explorers and Young Leaders within our local community.

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Body found on tower block balcony

THE body of a woman was found on a balcony of a Basingstoke tower block on Monday morning.

Police were called out to attend Crown Heights in Alencon Link at 8.45am that morning.

Churchill Way up to Eastrop roundabout was closed by police while the incident was being dealt with.

The footpath connecting Crown Height to the bus station was also shut for a few hours.

Both the footpath and the roads were reopened at 12 noon.

At time of print, police were treating the cause of her death as unexplained.

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Lottery results

ST Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of their lottery from February 7.

First prize of £1,000 goes to Bramley ticket 47306, while North Waltham ticket 36549 claims second prize of £100.

Tickets 33940 and 28165, also both from Bramley, claimed £50 and £20 respectively.

Sixteen runner-up prizes of £5 are awarded to tickets 04057, 13642, 18338, 20835, 20973, 34155, 46794, 47328, 52887, 59820, 62867, 69022, 70814, 73405, 76709 and 89214.

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County council to boost local economy by £668.7million

HAMPSHIRE County Council are set to plough over two-thirds of a billion pounds into the county's economy.

The £668.7million investment is set to be the largest capital investment of all county authorities in the south east.

Improvements to roads and bridges are a main priority, with £130m of the money going into their maintenance - £6m more than last time.

Council leader Roy Perry has called on Whitehall to make grant calculations much clearer.

Cllr Perry added: "I think there needs to be much more clarity from Government about how these grant formulae are calculated.

"However I am pleased that representations the Council and I personally have made to Government... that we have got some extra help."

By **James Booker**
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"This budget provides a record [amount of money] into the fabric of Hampshire communities, creating growth and a level of investment that will create hundreds of private sector jobs from construction, to maintenance and supplies.

"All this while residents will still be paying the lowest for services like social care, schools, highways and libraries than anywhere else in the South East – and with no increase for the last four years.

"Despite needing to make over £230m savings, we are adding to the budget for adult care, safeguarding the expenditure on the most vulnerable children.

"And, thanks to our lobbying through the county councils network, will be using funding government has made available through the New Homes Bonus to continue our investment into the long-term condition of Hampshire's roads."

The council are also dedicating £20m towards improving broadband for residents, and hope 'thousands of quality school places' will be developed from the funds.

The government grant for Hampshire in 2014/15 will be £116 per head.

The budget proposals will now be recommended to the full council on February 20.

Cllr Perry added: "Hampshire has been sensible and realistic. We've managed the budget in a planned way to give us the time to reshape the way that services are provided, working in new ways to deliver the same quality services, or better in some cases, with less money, thus reducing pressures on frontline services.

"By starting our efficiency work early we have released money to invest; broadband is one example.

"Our aim is to maintain the best local services while living within our means."

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It's a dog's life for Mystique...

ANVIL Arts held auditions this month to find a local dog to star in the up and coming production of La Boheme.

International soloists have been selected from across the world to join the Chisinau National Opera, but opera director and producer Ellen Kent wanted to look nearer to home to cast the role of Musetta's pet dog.

Ellen said: "The dog is central – it lifts the whole scene and brings it to life. It gives the scene a sense of reality and makes it sparkle".

Andrea Bath at The Anvil added: "We were very pleased with the turnout at the auditions.

"All the dogs were so talented and it was very hard to make a decision. We finally chose Mystique, a yorkie/cairn terrier cross who is eight years old and owned by Lesley Diamond from Basingstoke, as our winner.

Puccini's tale tells the tragic story of hopeless love between the doomed Mimi and penniless writer Rodolfo, and includes the famous arias Your Tiny Hand Is Frozen, They call Me Mimi and Musetta's Waltz.

La Boheme is at The Anvil on Sunday. See the Anvil Arts website or call the box office on 01256 844244.

· **Lesley Diamond and Mystique**

Man arrested after death in Kingsclere

DETECTIVES are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of a man from Kingsclere and are keen to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time.

Patrick Evans, aged 54, of Swan Street in Kingsclere, died at the North Hampshire Hospital on Thursday, February 6.

He had been taken to hospital by ambulance on Saturday, February 1, following an incident outside his house.

It is not known how he died.

Detective Sergeant Paula James from Basingstoke CID said: "We are conducting a range of enquiries to establish the circumstances leading up to Mr Evans' death.

"As part of our investigation we would like to speak to anyone who may have seen an incident involving two men near to the single lane pinch point on Swan Street in Kingsclere between 7.45pm and 8.10pm on Saturday, February 1.

"In particular we are keen to speak to the occupants of the vehicles as we believe they passed by at the time of the incident and may have witnessed something which could assist with our investigation."

A 20-year-old man from Bishops Green has been arrested in connection with the incident, and has been bailed until March 10. Call 101 with information.

Cops appeal continues after assault outside pub at New Year

POLICE are continuing to investigate an assault outside a Basingstoke pub on New Year's Day.

A 19-year-old Basingstoke man was set upon by a group of people at the Great Western pub on Vyne Road just after midnight. He suffered bruising and cuts to his nose.

One of the men involved is described as white, in his late teens to early 20s.

Wearing a beige coat, blue jeans and a black baseball cap on backwards.

PC Clare Hughes said: "This was a particularly nasty assault as the victim was unable to defend himself due to the amount of people who launched a sudden and sustained attack on him."

A 19-year-old woman has been arrested and bailed until March 4.

Do you have a story to share with our readers?

Contact the Newsdesk on **01235 516930**

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Do you have info on burglaries in town?

POLICE in Basingstoke are appealing for information and witnesses following three burglaries in the area.

By **James Booker**
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Between 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday, January 21, a 79-year-old woman's home on Loggon Road was burgled while she was in the house.

Offenders entered the house after walking in through an unlocked door, before stealing jewellery.

At about 4pm the victim noticed a suspicious man walk past her house. He is described as being in his early 20s, with dark hair, of medium build, 5ft 8ins to 5ft 10ins tall and was wearing a black woollen coat.

Detective Sergeant Heike Bruek is investigating this incident and would like to speak to anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious.

Elsewhere, two homes on Waterloo Avenue in Winklebury were targeted by burglars during the day on January 26.

They were unable to force entry into one property but stole gold jewellery and a money box from the other.

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PC David Catchpole is appealing for anyone who may have seen anything suspicious in the area to contact him.

In a separate incident, burglars twice attempted to force entry into a house on Gloucester Drive between 11am on Friday, January 31 and 12.30pm on Sunday, February 2.

They caused damage to the window but no entry was gained to the property.

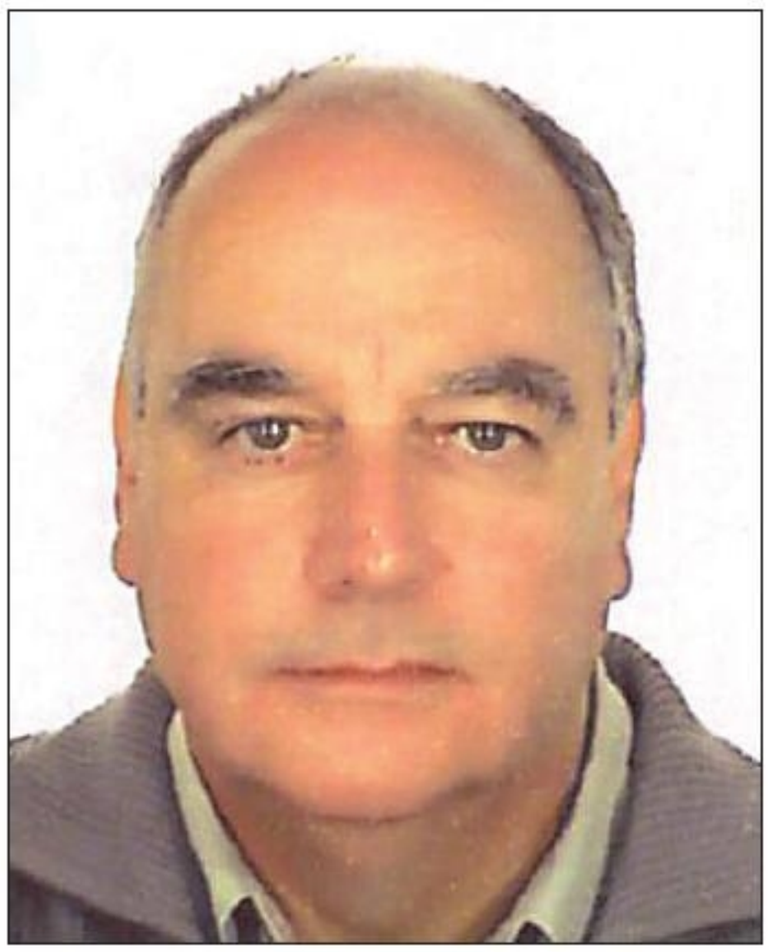
If you saw anything suspicious in the area you should contact Detective Sergeant Heike Bruek.

Residents are reminded to ensure their properties are kept secure at all times and to report any suspicious activity to the police on 101, or to call 999 if a crime is in progress.

For further advice please contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods team by calling 101 or visit www.hampshire.police.uk and type in your postcode to find your local policing pages.

Anyone with information about any of these incidents should contact Hampshire Constabulary by calling 101.

Family tribute to 'true friend'



THE family of a man who died in a two-car collision in Whitchurch on Thursday said he was 'a true friend and gentleman'.

John Porter, 64, died in the crash, where the van he was driving collided with a Mercedes, at Larks Barrow Hill on Newbury Road.

The family tribute read: "John Porter, a true friend and gentleman tragically died in a car accident just outside Whitchurch on Thursday, February 6 2014.

"He will be greatly missed by all those that knew and loved him. The family would very much appreciate being left to grieve in peace."

The four men in the Mercedes were taken to Southampton General Hospital.

Two of the men sustained life threatening injuries.

Anyone with any information or who saw the vehicles prior to the collision is asked to contact the Road Death Investigation Team at Eastleigh on 101.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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PCC pledges to fight drug-related violence

HAMPSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, has pledged more support to protect the residents of Basingstoke and Hampshire from drug-related violence.

By **James Booker**
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Simon Hayes made the announcement last week, where he committed a further £1.77m towards Operation Fortress.

Fortress was launched in 2012 following an initial £2m investment, and the new funds will be available in April.

The operation was initially launched in Southampton, and is now being rolled out force-wide.

Mr Hayes said: "Analysis and research conducted by the Operation Fortress team has demonstrated that a buoyant drugs market leads to a significant increase in violence.

"Much of this has predominantly been linked to crime gangs operating out of the capital.

"It is therefore essential that we continue this targeted intelligence led work to make the whole of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a hostile place for those who ply their trade in illegal and mind altering substances on our streets.

"I have been impressed with the success of Operation Fortress under the direction and leadership of Detective Superintendent Kath Barnes and her team of dedicated officers.

"Through their focussed approach they have significantly reduced the risks of harm to communities, in particular the significant violence linked to drug trafficking.

Chief Constable Andy Marsh said: "Operation Fortress demonstrates what we can achieve when we work together more closely as a constabulary and alongside our partner agencies.

"Having the team in place for a further 12 months gives us flexibility to focus on embedding the successes of the campaign throughout the organisation while work is ongoing to restructure the force."

Detective Superintendent Kath Barnes, who leads the campaign, added: "I'd like to extend my thanks to all those agencies and police colleagues who've worked with us over the last two years to make this campaign the success that it has been and I'm looking forward to continuing with this extremely important work in protecting vulnerable people and keeping communities safe from drugs-related violence."

Appeal after Sherfield memorial damage

A NORTH Hampshire war memorial has been damaged in what police believe is an attempted theft of a bronze sword, which was attached to it.

The memorial in Sherfield on Loddon was damaged some time prior to January 30, which was when a member of the public spotted that the sword had been pulled away from its fixings.

Police are now appealing for anyone who witnessed the damage being caused to come forward.

PCSO James Rickaby said: "We believe that an attempt was made to steal the sword which has resulted in this damage.

"It was reported to police by a member of the public who noticed it on January 30.

"Did you see any suspicious activity at the war memorial or in the vicinity around this date?"

Anyone with information is asked to contact PCSO Rickaby on 101, or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

· The damage caused to Sherfield on Loddon's war memorial

News Bites

Get saving cash and energy

BOROUGH residents are being offered the opportunity to save money and energy with Energy Action North Hampshire, a partnership between Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hart District Council.

The project aims to provide free home energy improvements to households and residents on low incomes by taking a whole-house and multi-funding approach to saving energy.

The energy team will be on hand to offer tips and advice to residents from 10am to 4pm on Saturday at a pop up shop in The Malls Basingstoke.

For more information, contact the council on 01256 844844.

Visit www.basinsgtoke.gov.uk/go/energyaction.

Fitness buggies

BASINGSTOKE and Deane's free buggy-friendly fitness course for new mums is being rolled out to a new area this month.

BDBC ran several Buggyfit six-week courses in 2013, and positive feedback showed that they were invaluable in getting new mothers back into circulation, meeting other mums and getting fit.

The latest course offers mums in Tadley six one-hour sessions led by Emma Perkins, a qualified pre and postnatal personal trainer.

The course begins on March 6 at 9.30am at Jubilee Day Nursery. To book a place, contact Claire Leaney at BDBC on 01256 844481.

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Providing recreation and culture

HAMPSHIRE County Council is looking at ways it can continue to provide culture and recreation services, while dealing with a 12 per cent cut in spending which sees savings needed by next year.

One proposal includes the re-provision of three small libraries in the county, one of which is the service in Kingsclere, which could lead to the council transferring ownership to local community groups.

Another option is to reduce the number of underused stops made by the mobile library, to make it more efficient.

Cllr Keith Chapman, executive member for culture and recreation, said: "As all council services look to save 12 per cent from spending by 2015, Hampshire's Library Service is no exception.

"We've examined a number of ways we might make some savings, considering what changes would impact the least, while protecting provision for as many people as possible."

The council is holding a public consultation regarding the Kingsclere and mobile library services, as well as other affected libraries in Milford-on-Sea and Grayshott.

It will run until May 2, and more information is available at www.hants.gov.uk/library.

Staff honoured at WOW! awards

By **Adam Flinn**
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STAFF at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital collected five awards between them last week, which they won at the WOW! Awards last year.

The awards acknowledge hospital staff who provide excellent customer care and go beyond the call of duty, and were judged by public governors from Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

All the winners gathered together on February 4 for the ceremony, which saw the presentation of a number of special overall awards chosen by directors, local rotary organisations and the Trust's chairman.

Chief operating officer and chief nurse Donna Green said: "We have an outstanding group of staff and the awards highlight the dedication and hard work they put in to deliver high quality services for our patients.

"Our staff have been nominated for some amazing things and it makes me feel extremely proud and privileged to work here when I read all the nominations we receive."

Business leader and author Dr Liz Jackson was the guest speaker for the evening, which was compered by Christine Rowley from Hospital Radio Basingstoke and attended by Basingstoke mayor Cllr Dan Putty.

One of the winners was Sister Becky Hutchinson and the E4 ward team at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

An anonymous nomination they received read: "I felt compelled to write on behalf of myself and my family of the experience we had during the recent care of my mother on ward E4.

"Throughout her time on E4 and her eventual death, we were extremely impressed at the exceptionally high standard of care compassion and love given to my mother and the family.

"I have written to the staff thanking them but I wished you to know you have every right to be justifiably proud of the staff."

• Award-winning Sister Becky Hutchinson and the E4 team

WOW! Awards winners from Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital

- **Medical Division Overall Winner:** Sister Becky Hutchinson and the team from ward E4
- **Family and Clinical Support Services Division Overall Winner**: Miss Avideah Nejad, consultant obstetrician
- **Corporate Services Division Overall Winner:** Nigel Jenson, Rapid Response
- **Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane Award:** Dr Corinne Brooks, consultant gastroenterologist
- **Chairman's Award runner-up:** Adassa Varty, receptionist, the Acute Assessment Unit
- **Chairman's Award runner-up:** Jenny Dykes, phlebotomy manager

Next stage in Fleet Pond restoration

DREDGING work at Fleet Pond is entering the next phase of the ongoing restoration project, with silt from the pond set to be used at a golf course.

Silt will be taken from the island in Brookly Bay to be used by Keltbray Ltd at one of its courses in southern England.

In addition, Hemelite Bay will also be dredged, with silt from the site being used to create extensions to the Wellington and Northern Reedbeds.

This phase is being funded by the Environment Agency, with the £1million restoration project being led by Hart District Council.

Cllr Sara Kinnell, portfolio holder for leisure and environmental promotions, is pleased that the silt will be used elsewhere.

She said: "Gaining permission to take the silt off-site is a major step in the Fleet Pond Restoration Project, and will enable future removal as more funding becomes available."

Colin Gray, chairman of Fleet Pond Society, said: "It is very good news that we have found a project able to take silt removed from the pond.

"This will help our objective to remove further silt in future phases of the restoration programme."

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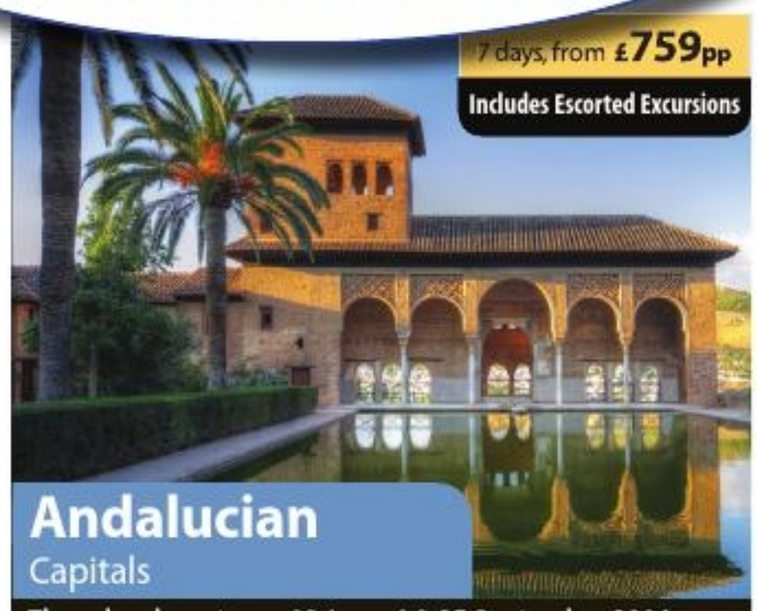

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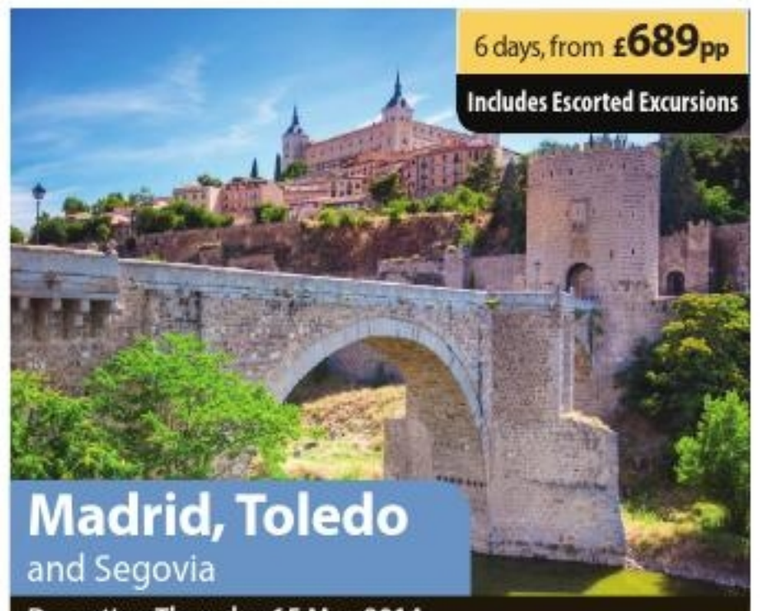

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Brothers' impossible dream

BRITAIN'S Got Talent finalists Richard and Adam are embarking on their first ever UK tour, and the first show is at The Anvil on Saturday.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The Welsh singing duo finished third in last year's series of the popular talent show, and their debut album 'The Impossible Dream' spent four weeks in the number one spot, selling over 200,000 copies.

As well as performing songs from the album, the pair have also promised a range of other harmonies, interspersed with stories from growing up singing together.

"We've always said that it's great doing albums," said Richard. "But what we look to do is stand in a room, to perform and sing.

"That's all we've done for the last however many years, singing as and when we can, so finally the ability to go onto a stage and for people to have paid to come and see us, we just can't wait for it. It's something we've lived our lives being part of 24 hours a day. It's just hopefully going to be a great show."

Despite their success on Britain's Got Talent, their experience in the final was marred when a disgruntled violinist ran on stage during their performance, and started throwing eggs at Simon Cowell.

"It was such a weird experience," Richard said. "We were singing and were just totally unaware. We had earpieces in, so we couldn't hear the reaction of the audience, judges, nothing.

"We just carried on, and it got to the instrumental of the song and we clocked her. Then we've looked forward and seen Simon covered in egg.

"Simon had rejected their group in the past, and we were disappointed with that coming from another artist.

"But there was light at the end of the tunnel. Releasing an album with four weeks at number one was absolute madness, and it just made the whole process seem worth it at that point."

Richard and Adam are hoping to release a new album later in the year.

• Richard (left) and Adam perform the first show of their first UK tour at The Anvil this weekend

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Basingstoke locks in!

A FOLK and hip-hop dance extravaganza is coming to Basingstoke this evening, as the stage show The Lock In to The Anvil as part of a national tour.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

It is the brainchild of award-winning folk band The Demon Barbers, and follows the story of a group of street dancers who arrive at an apparently deserted pub.

But as the regulars arrive, a clash of cultures soon turns into a dance floor stand-off, with bouncers dancing the Morris and a range of music including hip-hop, house, funk and ska.

More than 150 dance groups from around the UK, featuring over 2,000 dancers in total, are involved with the show.

"The support from dance groups of all genres has been unbelievable," said Damien Barber, artistic director for The Demon Barbers.

"Our work is all about everyday people dancing as part of their community, and for these local groups to support us in this way is really inspiring.

"I've always seen folk music and dance as an incredibly modern and vibrant living tradition, and wanted to find a way to bring that vision to the widest possible audience.

"The Lock In is the result of several years of artistic collaborations and development, and I'm extremely excited that it's finally touring!

"The response has been phenomenal from both folkies and street dance fans.

"All our dancers have also taken the opportunity to learn from each other and have been amazed by the similarities and shared experiences they found in the two, seemingly very different, dance styles."

Tonight's show promises to bring together some of the UK's top clog, sword and Morris dancers, along with their counterparts from the worlds of break dancing, popping and krump.

It starts at 7.30pm, and tickets cost £19.50. Go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244 for more information.

• The Lock In sees a mix of dance styles at The Anvil this evening

Andrew Lawrence

COMEDIAN Andrew Lawrence is bringing his new show to the Bordon Phoenix on Saturday, promising all new material with 'There is No Escape'.

He has previously appeared on the BBC show 'Live at the Apollo' and is the star of his own radio series 'How Did We End Up Like This?', both of which have been gaining him popularity in recent years.

The show starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £15. Further details are available at www.phoenixarts.co.uk or by calling 01420 472664.

'Stoke set to play host to battle of the sexes...

BASINGSTOKE Discovery Centre is host to a Battle of the Sexes this afternoon, as local actors Brenda Palmer and Bryn Strudwick discuss the age-old relationship between men and women.

They will present a mix of poetry and prose to celebrate the differences between the genders, with the show staged on the eve of Valentine's Day.

Entry is £3 for a 2pm start. For more information, go to www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc.

Reggae and soul on Valentine's

THE Railway in Winchester is hosting a Valentine's Day special tomorrow evening, featuring music from reggae and soul band The Delegators.

They are made of five musicians, including Leon Vince, Ramy Eissa and Arthur Béranger, and have been performing at venues worldwide since 2008.

Doors open at 7.30pm, and tickets are £9 on the night.

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The Forge
Thursday 27 February 2014 8pm
WHERE IS MY MIND?
Jon Robbins

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Central Studio Queen Mary's College
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13 February, 7:30pm
The Anvil
THE LOCK IN
featuring live music by The Demon Barbers. This infectious show is full of energy and joy. Sword dances are performed with snooker-cues, pub bouncers dance the Morris and B-boys flirt with clog girls.
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14 February
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15 February, 7:45pm
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16 February, 11am - 5pm
The Serenity Community Centre, Near Ramsdell
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16 February, 7:30pm
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18 February
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21 February, 7:45pm
The Anvil
THE FRANK AND ELLA SHOW
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22 February, 8pm
Central Studio Queen Mary's College
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26 February, 7:29pm
The Haymarket
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27 February, 8pm
The Forge
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28 February, 7:30pm
Central Studio Queen Mary's College
WOYZECK
Tickets: £10.50 full | £9.50 concessions | £6.00 students & children
Setamidst the backdrop of WW1, Woyzeck is a startling depiction of the lowly soldier plagued by visions of the apocalypse and plunged into homicidal lunacy by the world around him.
Fusing gothic storytelling, puppetry, song and a spine chilling sound track, this brand new adaptation based on the play by Georg Buchner takes the audience into a world that is disturbingly atmospheric, heart breakingly poignant, darkly comic and delightfully interactive.
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1 March, 11am
Central Studio, Queen Mary's College
A BIRD IN YOUR EAR
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Central Studio Queen Mary's College
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www.centralstudio.co.uk 01256 418318

1 March, 5pm
Farnham Maltings Association.
THE MET: LIVE IN HD BORODIN: PRINCE IGOR
This new production, marking director Dmitri Tcherniakov's Met debut, is a new version constructed by him in collaboration with conductor Gianandrea Noseda and taken from all of Borodin's known music and orchestrations.
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9		1		5		3	4	
		5	1				6	7
	3		4	2	8			
8	9	7			6			5
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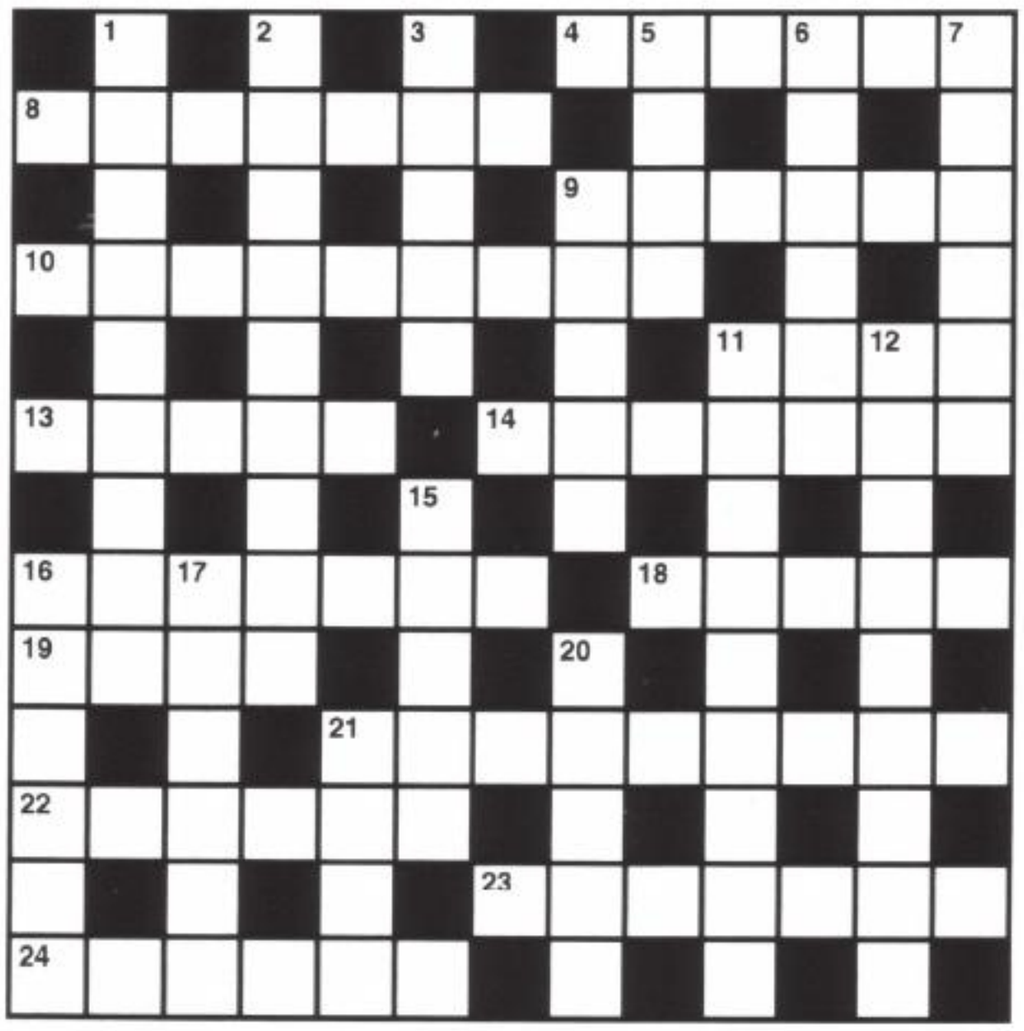
Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across
4 Ratify (6)
8 Part (7)
9 Is of use (6)
10 Servant (9)
11 Encourage (4)
13 Hard structure for biting (5)
14 Distribute widely (7)
16 Expels (7)
18 Harmful bacteria (5)
19 Soon (4)
21 Seasoning (9)
22 Kind of shoe (6)
23 Stupidity (7)
24 Egyptian leader (6)

Quick Clues Down
1 Wellbred men (9)
2 Heed (9)
3 Links (5)
5 Measurements (4)
6 Turn upsidedown (6)
7 Man who rules others (6)
9 Light meal (5)
11 Farthest (9)
12 Sprout (9)
15 Backless seat (5)
16 Fruit (6)
17 Indicates (6)
20 Snake (5)
21 Worry (4)

Cryptic Clues Across
4 It upsets us to be insensitive (6)
8 Calmed down when all agreed (7)
9 Not an upright type (6)
10 He's a key worker (9)
11 Plots for sleepyheads (4)
13 Spruce up for the wedding (5)
14 They should know the rules of the game (7)
16 Hold it! (7)
18 Mock the noisy bumpkin (5)
19 Muse about the birds (4)
21 Explosives at the sack factory (9)
22 Followed Sue in the end (6)
23 Her telephone call is fishy (7)
24 I'd get in rank more neatly (6)

Cryptic Clues Down
1 Joint opportunity in space (5,4)
2 Not footwear for sailors! (9)
3 It appears one should look at the manuscript (5)
5 Where one's liable to get into hot water (4)
6 It's not so pretty to lure G.I. (6)
7 The sexes are about to take a hundred what intemperance! (6)
9 Times change newspaper articles (5)
11 William fed up with the poster? (9)
12 Let's have no humbug getting the sailors out of bed (9)
15 54 I'd make black and blue (5)
16 Join me in a small amount (6)
17 Tended to sunder apart (6)
20 He's revolting (5)
21 Destiny we hear is a holiday (4)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Podium 7 Plateau 8 Incisor 9 Tiers 10 Geography 12 Rag 13 Seas 15 Terrace 17 Hate 19 Hen 21 Fattening 22 Wheel 23 Oppress 24 Suction 25 Unites
Down: 1 Priggish 2 Doctor 3 Upsurge 4 Hasty 5 Recede 6 Fuss 7 Preparation 11 Gate 13 Seen 14 Suggests 16 Cheapen 18 Trench 20 Nicest 21 Flair 22 Wise

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Steers 7 Galatea 8 Uncover 9 Phlox 10 Film stars 12 See 13 Isle 15 Addenda 17 Gist 19 Egg 21 Teaspoons 22 Delay 23 Nettled 24 Retreat 25 Adonis
Down: 1 Stuffing 2 Excels 3 Revised 4 Claps 5 Stalls 6 Marx 7 Grease paint 11 Meat 13 Iago 14 Episodes 16 Deputed 18 Salute 20 Goblin 21 Types 22 Dark

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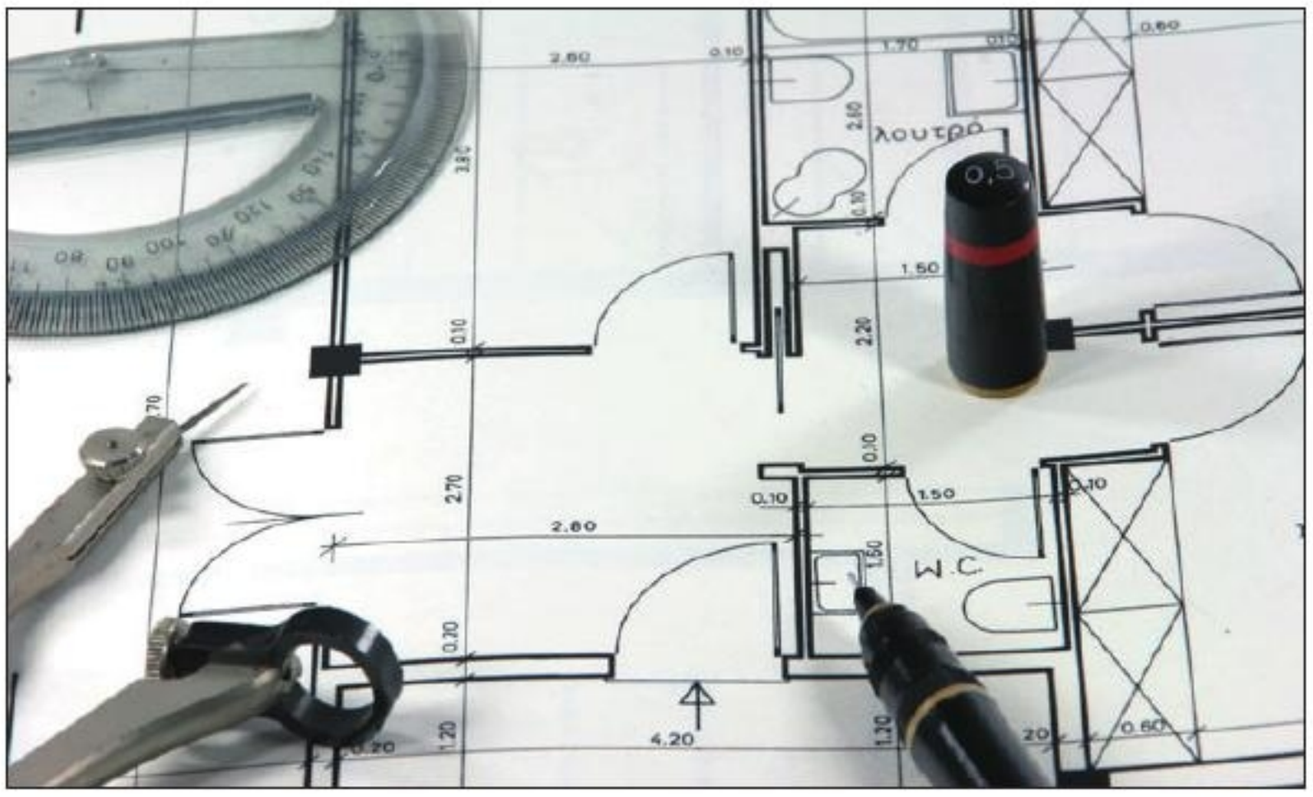

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THIS March, the award winning Ideal Home Show will return for its 106th year and we are offering five lucky readers the chance to go for free!

Closing date: Friday, February 28

Running from 14th – 30th March at London's Earls Court and with seven sections including: Ideal Interiors, Ideal Show Homes, Ideal Gardens, Ideal Home Improvements, Ideal Technology, Ideal Food & Housewares, Ideal Shopping and Ideal Woman this year's show is set to be the biggest and best yet.

Some of the stand outs of the show will be Celebrities Galore - hosted by fabulous celebrity Ambassadors which include; TV presenter and architect George Clarke, gadget expert Suzi Perry, food critic Gregg Wallace, garden expert Diarmuid Gavin, interiors icon Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, and TV presenter Melinda Messenger as ambassador of Ideal Woman, there will be more live demonstrations and expert advice than the show has ever seen.

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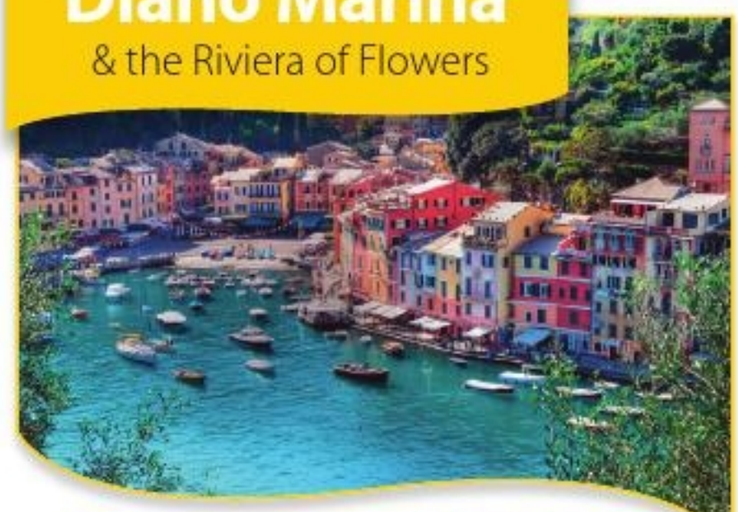

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From Gatwick airport

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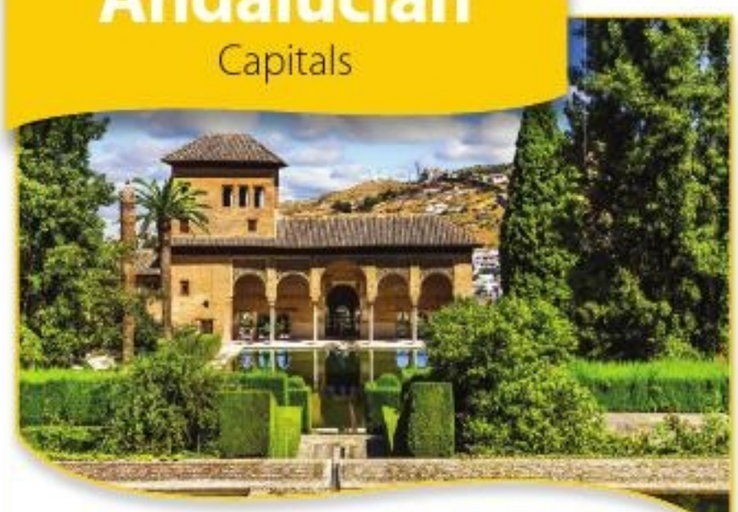
Capitals



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From Gatwick airport

Just across the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco, Andalucia is simply one of the most beautiful and unspoilt corners of Europe. Its stunning cities are steeped in history with a culture influenced by the Moors and the Romans which is enriched by the greatly contrasting surrounding landscape.

Price includes:
- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Malaga††††
- Airport taxes & return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 6 nights stay at the 4 star Hotel Antequera Golf, Antequera with dinner & breakfast
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Malta & Gozo
The idyllic islands

Tuesday departures, 6, 20 & 27 May and 7 October 2014
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Price includes:
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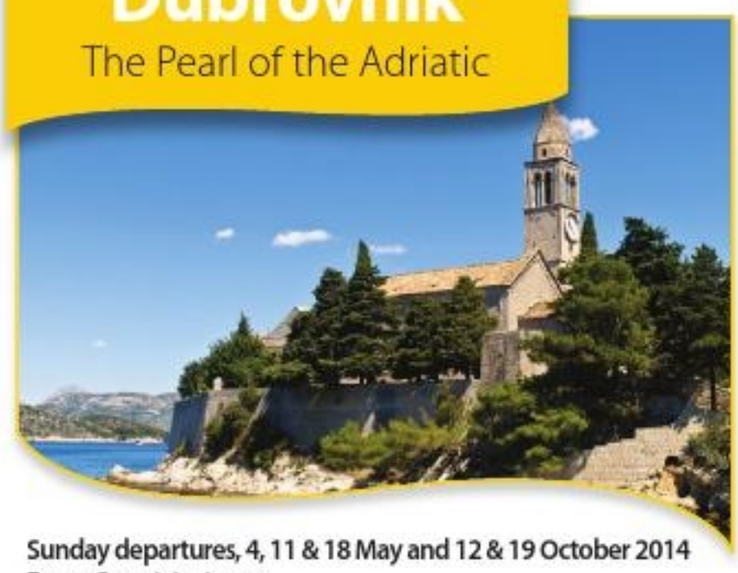
Dubrovnik
The Pearl of the Adriatic



Sunday departures, 4, 11 & 18 May and 12 & 19 October 2014
From Gatwick airport

The magnificent old walled city of Dubrovnik is steeped in historical, architectural and artistic treasures boasting spectacular Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque churches, monasteries, palaces and fountains. Set against a backdrop of wooded hillsides and with stunning views of the Dalmatian coastline, it is easy to see why George Bernard Shaw thought idyllic Dubrovnik was quite simply "Paradise on Earth".

Price includes:
- Return flight from Gatwick airport to Dubrovnik†††††
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- 7 nights stay at the **4 star Grand Hotel Park**, Dubrovnik with dinner & breakfast
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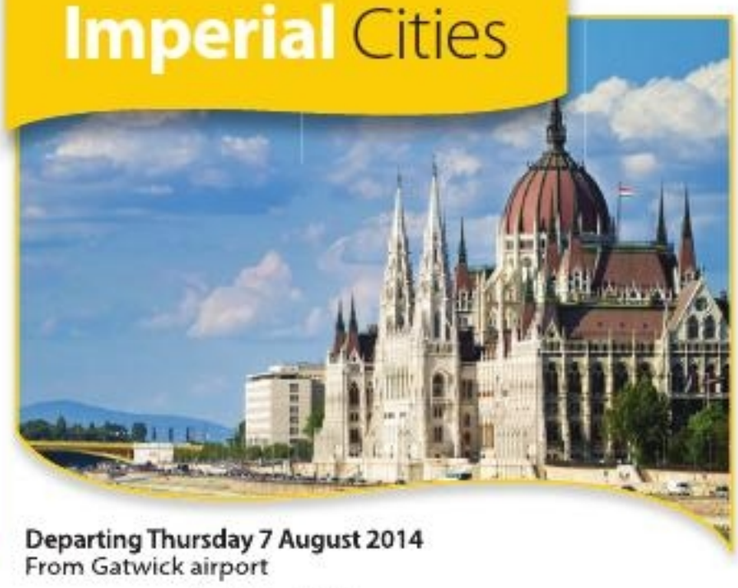

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Madeira
Winter Sun

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From Gatwick airport

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THE Ford Fiesta begins 2014 not only as the nation's favourite car, but also a double What Car? Awards winner.

Britain's 2014 Best Small Car and Best Hot Hatch according to What Car? is number one small car for the second year running – reflecting consumer sales in the UK, where it also retained its number one position.

Chas Hallett, What Car? editor-in-chief, said: "No other car in this class can beat the Fiesta's excellent ride and handling.

"The Fiesta ST is a total and utter triumph.

"It is too soon to tell whether it will join the ranks of the hot hatch legends but we certainly wouldn't bet against it."

It is also second year in a row that Ford has triumphed in the Hot Hatch category – 2013's winner was the 250PS Focus ST.

REVIEW: FORD FIESTA
By **Andy Allens**

Sales in Britain during 2013 saw the Ford Fiesta top the UK car charts every month of the year, with total sales at almost 122,000 – the best year for Fiesta since 1996.

The Fiesta, which was awarded the maximum five-star safety rating by the independent vehicle safety organisation Euro NCAP, is also among the most keenly priced small cars in Britain. The range starts at £9,995 for the 3-door, 1.25-litre Studio model.

• *The Ford Fiesta*

Facts at a glance

- 121,929 UK Fiesta sales in 2013, the most in a single year since 1996 (139,552)
- Fiesta was the top-selling UK car every month of 2013
- 2013 was the fifth successive year that Fiesta has been the UK best seller
- 67% of Fiesta sales are of five-door models
- 65% are Zetec models, 22% Titanium, 10% Style and 3% ST
- 41% of buyers opt for the 1.0 litre petrol engine, 36% for the 1.25 petrol and 9% for the 1.6 petrol; 14% choose the 1.5/1.6 diesel
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These guys definitely know what they're talking about and I would recommend them to anyone!
Chris H

• Excellent service! Very polite and great value for money prices! I will recommend to friends and family. If you need your car repaired at the right price don't look any further.
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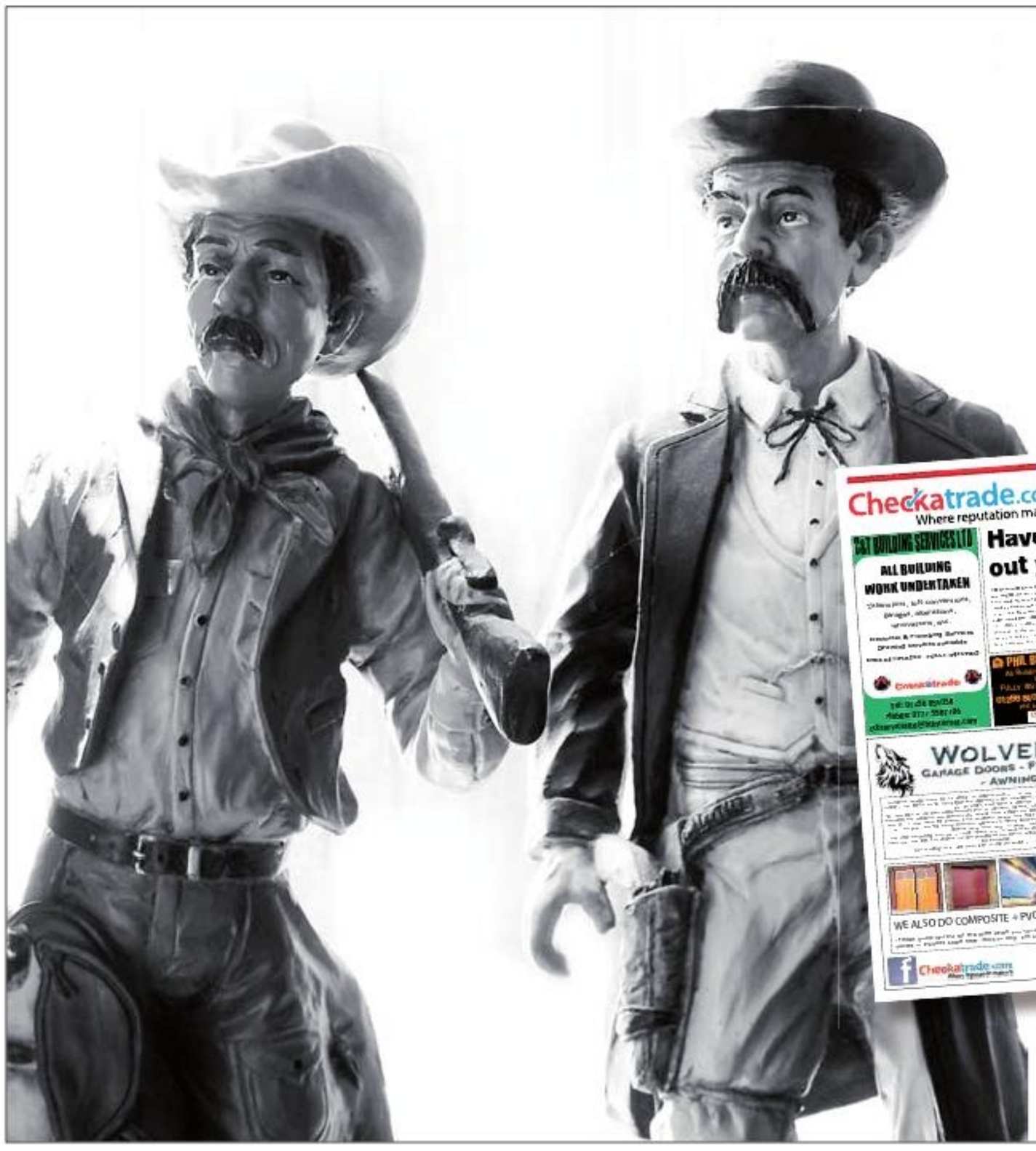

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Collard and Foster to team up again with Turkington

Rain wipes out fixtures

THE recent bad weather decimated the region's footballing fixtures at the weekend, with no play possible involving any of our teams.

Basingstoke Town were scheduled to take on Hayes and Yeading at Kingsfield, but the match was called off a day in advance due to the state of the surface.

Jason Bristow's men will be hoping to host Chelmsford on Saturday, but with a month's rainfall scheduled for four days this week, this is very much in doubt.

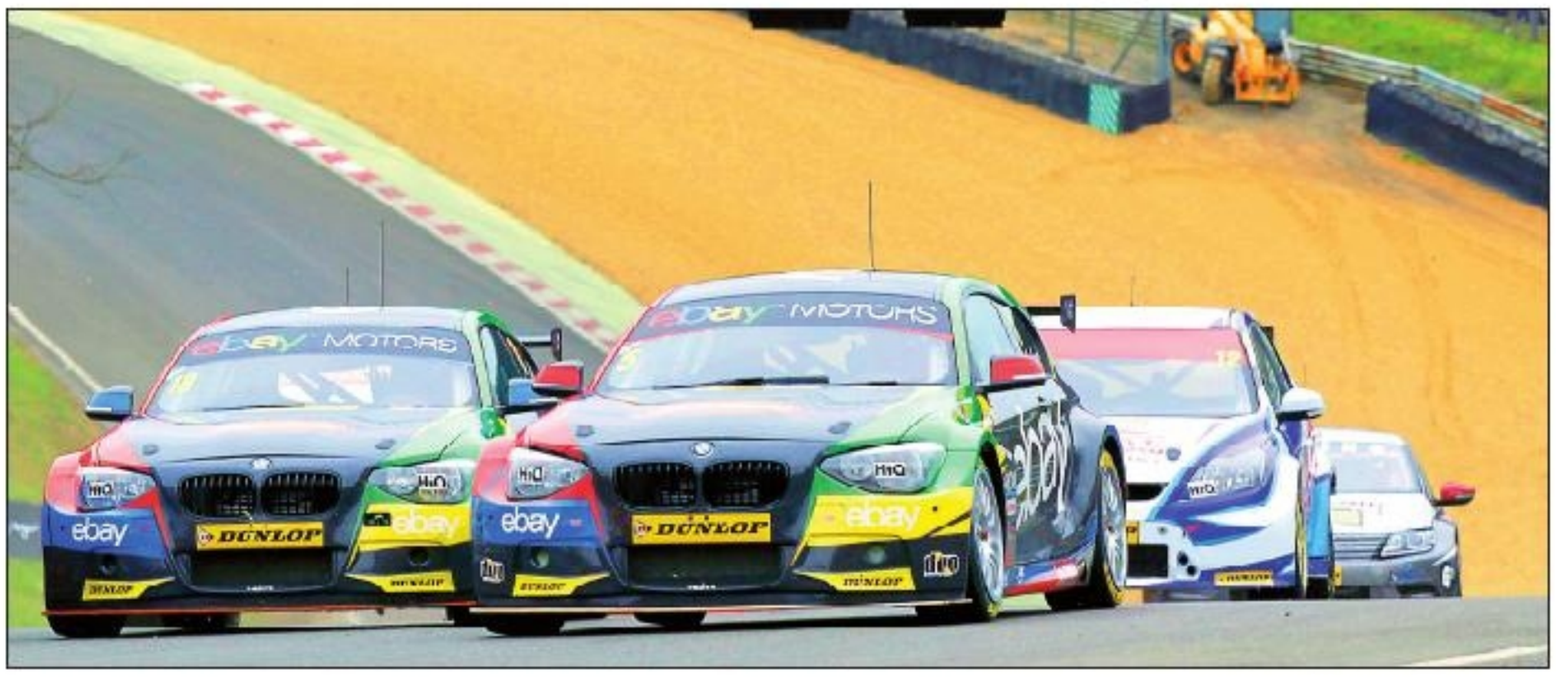
Also in question are matches involving Hartley Wintney, Whitchurch United and Tadley Calleva.

Hartley Wintney are due to take on Epsom and Ewell at the Memorial Ground, having lost 4-2 at the promotion hopefuls in the reverse fixture just nine days ago.

The Row are currently 14th in the Combined Counties Premier.

Jim Macey's Whitchurch sit sixth in the Wessex Premier, and will be hoping to collect three points against relegation-threatened Fawley on Saturday should the match escape the weather.

Tadley, meanwhile, face a trip to Amesbury a week on Saturday. Danny Dolan's side are currently ninth in Wessex Division One.



• Nick Foster (left) and Rob Collard have been confirmed for eBay Motors for the upcoming season (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

NORTH Hampshire racing drivers Rob Collard and Nick Foster have been confirmed as part of the eBay Motors line-up for the 2014 British Touring Car Championship.

By **Adam Flinn**
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The pair, who competed for the West Surrey Racing-run squad last season, were confirmed as staying on with the team on Tuesday morning, along with 2009 world champion Colin Turkington.

While Turkington finished fifth in last year's standings, Collard and Foster endured a difficult season on track, ending the year 13th and 15th respectively.

Collard managed one podium position during the year when he came third at Knockhill, while Foster's best result was a fourth-place finish at Croft.

The team will continue with the BMW 125i M Sport car they debuted last year, and are hoping to build upon their 2013 season.

Collard said: "We're a close knit group here in the eBay Motors team and we really value each other as drivers.

"We've all got a great understanding of the car and with it looking even better this season, we can't wait to get back out there."

Foster added: "We were pretty happy with how the season went in 2013, and it ignited a real ambition to push on.

"You can only really be competitive at the highest level with the best people around you, and that is what the eBay Motors team offers me."

West Surrey Racing team boss Dick Bennetts said: "This season is all about building and the guys at the factory have done a lot of research and development work this winter.

"We are thrilled to have Colin, Rob and Nick back on-board in our pursuit of winning the BTCC."

Tony Austin, eBay Motors manager, added: "With this being our fifth season, we are delighted that Colin, Rob and Nick will be representing the team again for 2014.

"With a year together under our belts, this is a cohesive team of drivers that we hope can be really competitive this season."

The first three rounds of the season take place at Brands Hatch circuit in Kent on March 30.

Sport Bites

Waterlogged

BASINGSTOKE RFC's trip to Westcombe Park in the National League Three London was postponed on Saturday, due to a waterlogged pitch at the Kent ground.

Westcombe are just one spot ahead of Basingstoke in the table, with the teams in 10th and 11th positions respectively. Basingstoke will hope to return to action on Saturday when they host CS Rugby, while last weekend's postponed game has been rescheduled for March 15.

Blizzards appeal

LOCAL basketball club Basingstoke Blizzards are appealing for new young players, as they hope to set up a junior section at the club.

The new team would compete in tournaments and friendlies, and its establishment has been made possible by a grant from the Basingstoke and Deane Community Leisure Trust fund. Anyone interested can go to a training session, held at Queen Mary's College Sports Hall every Saturday from 2pm.

Silver Shelley

TEENAGE judo star Shelley Ludford has won a silver medal at the British Championships in Sheffield, following on from four golds and two bronze medals in a successful year.

Shelley won five fights to reach the final in Sheffield, competing in the under 63kg class, before losing to world bronze medallist Lulu Piovesana. As a result of her competitive results in the past 12 months, Shelley has been selected for England's Talent Development Squad.

Teenage skating star Harrison picked as part of Torvill and Dean anniversary show

BASINGSTOKE ice skating star Danielle Harrison will be part of a celebratory show marking 30 years since Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won Olympic gold, taking place in Sarajevo next week.

Danielle,14, from Winklebury, will perform her routine before Torvill and Dean recreate their iconic skating moment from the 1984 Winter Olympics.

She is the youngest member of eight junior British skaters, who were selected for the trip by the National Ice Skating Association.

The team were invited by Torvill and Dean to commemorate the historic anniversary, which will feature a mix of senior and junior figure skaters.

It will take place in the Olympic Hall Juan Antonio Samaranch, which was built in 1999 to replace the Olympic Hall Zetra where the games were held in 1984, after it was destroyed in the Bosnian war.

The iconic skating duo will perform their Bolero routine, and were invited to do the show by the mayors of Sarajevo and East Sarajevo.

Around 24 million people watched Torvill and Dean skate to victory in 1984, and money raised from this performance will be used for a permanent ice rink in the Bosnian capital.

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500 AND UP!

Baird reaches EPL milestone, but Bison are pegged back in race for the title

DEFENCEMAN Joe Baird has reached a landmark 500 appearances in ice hockey's English Premier League.

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Baird, who rejoined Basingstoke Bison this season having started his career with the Herd, was given a special guard of honour by team-mates before their 3-2 win over Swindon Wildcats.

However, they could not carry on this momentum and were beaten by Bracknell the following evening.

Bison started Saturday's clash very quickly, and went ahead when Aaron Connolly scored through a powerplay at 2:38.

The Wildcats soon equalised with an Aaron Nell shorthanded goal, with the score remaining 1-1 until the break.

Early in the second period, Tomas Karpov restored Bison's advantage after he collected a rebound and scored a wraparound goal on the backhand.

But once again Swindon levelled on the powerplay, with Sam Bullas knocking the puck past netminder Dean Skinns at 30:41.

It would take until 54:30 for Bison to get the winner, and while Nicky Chinn's first attempt was kept out, Joe Greener was on hand to collect the rebound and take the victory.

However, Bison's trip to face Bracknell Bees on Sunday was less successful, as they were beaten 4-2.

Kurt Reynolds put Bison ahead at 26:02, assisted by Karpov and Stuart Mogg.

The Bees responded through Chris Wiggins, and Grant Rounding put the hosts ahead before the end of the period.

Matt Foord added a third, but Connolly pulled one back.

Bison pulled Skinns forward in the final minutes as they tried for an equaliser, but couldn't score the important goal and left the door open for Wiggins to nick an empty net goal with six seconds remaining.

The results mean that Bison stay level with English Ice Hockey Premier League leaders Manchester Phoenix on 58 points, and are three ahead of third-placed Guildford Flames.

Saturday sees Bison play Milton Keynes Lightning, before they host Slough Jets on Sunday.

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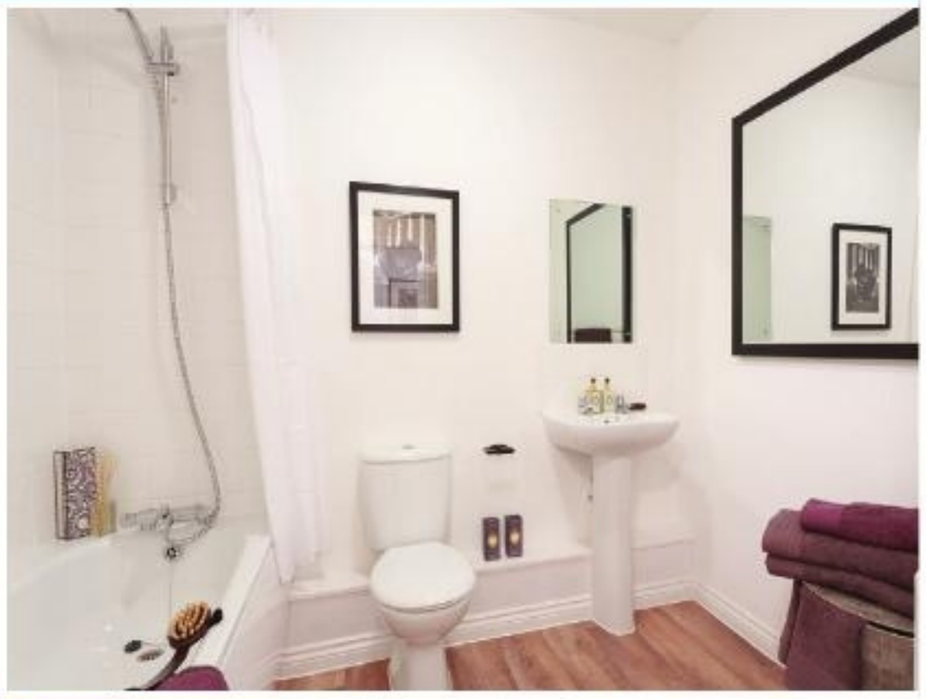

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